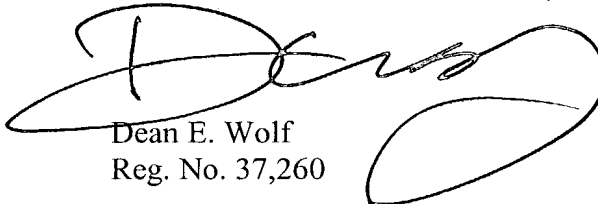


REMARKS

Claims 8, 57, 59, and 68 have been amended for clarification purposes in order to more fully define the scope of the present invention. The Examiner has previously indicated that claims 3-15, 19-22, 24, 27-28, 59-62, 65, and 67-72 were allowed. It is believed that currently pending claims 3-15, 19-22, 24, 27-28, 59-62, 65, and 67-72 are allowable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope in a subsequent continuation application.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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